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A. HIGHLIGHTS OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD. BOLIVIA ENTERED THE INTERNATIONAL PHASE IN ITS NARCOTICS PROGRAM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. IT HOSTED A REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS OFFICIALS FROM ITS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES; IT MANAGED TO INCLUDE AN AGEDNA ITEM ON BILATERAL COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS MATTERS FOR THE PERIODIC MEETINGS OF THE PERU-BOLIVIA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; IT SIGNED THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTICS AND THE AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND IT MADE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNFDAC; IT SIGNED A TECHNICAL AND COMMODITY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE UN FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL PURPOSES; PRESIDENT BANZER MADE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO AN ALL-OUT FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT NARCOTICS USE AND TRAFFICKING IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE UNGA IN OCTOBER.

1) ENFORCEMENT PROJECT. THE NARCOTICS UNIT (DNSP) HAS BEEN REORGANIZED UNDER A NEW DIRECTOR, A PROFESSIONAL POLICE OFFICER  
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WITH OUTSTANDING CREDENTIALS FOR THIS KIND OF WORK. HE HAS SUB-

MITTED A COMPREHENSIVE CY 1976 BUDGET FOR DNSP WHICH WILL FULLY IMPLEMENT THE BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS LAW IN TERMS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DNSP. THE BUDGET REQUEST, UNDER REVIEW AT THIS WRITING, IS FOR \$1.2 MILLION, A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE OVER THE CURRENT BUDGET. OF PERHAPS GREATER SIGNIFICANCE HAS BEEN THE RE-ORIENTATION OF THE INTELLIGENCE AND ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS TO FOREGO THE IMMEDIATE SMALL "BUST" IN FAVOR OF TARGETING ON THE LARGER OPEATORS AND THE TRAFFICKING SYSTEM. SEIZURES, THEREFORE, HAVE NOT BEEN IMPRESSIVE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, BUT THE NEW STRATEGY SHOULD PAY OFF HANDSOMELY IN THE COMING YEAR.

2) CROP SUBSTITUTION PILOT PROJECT. DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA INCLUDE: COMPLETION OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE USE OF REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES TO SUPPORT POSSIBLE EVENTUAL COCA CROP SUBSTITUTION AND CURRENT CROP CONTROL PROGRAMS; FORMAL MEETINGS WITH CAMPESINO LEADERS IN ALL AREAS WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED BY CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMS (THESE APPEARED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN ENLISTING THE COOPERATION OF THE CAMPESINOS); A PRELIMINARY ON-SITE SURVEY OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS CONDUCTED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USDA FOR THE INITIATION OF THE PILOT PROJECT; THE CANCELLATION OF THE PASA WITH USDA IN FAVOR OF A CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TO CONDUCT THE PILOT PROJECT; AGREEMENT WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT ON A SCOPE OF WORK AND METHODOLOGY FOR A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY STUDY TO PROVIDE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA TO DOVETAIL WITH THE PILOT PROJECT IN CROP SUBSTITUTION.  
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